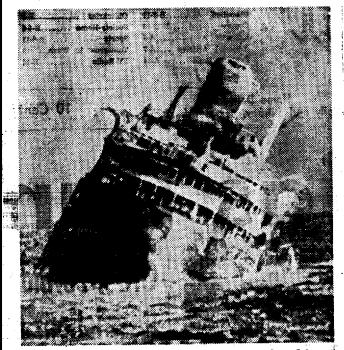
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The hurned out shell of the Greek cruise ship Lakonia begins the list which caused her to sink yesterday in the Atlantic Ocean while being towed toward Gibraltar.—AP Wirephoto.

CIA Employe Missing In Cruise Ship's Fire

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A CIA employe who formerly A native of Nebraska City, today.

W. Vernon, 34, an information Egypt.

lived in Arlington Towers is Nebr., Mr. Vernon is survived by among those passengers miss- his mother, Mrs. Lydia V. ing and presumed lost in the Shrader, of David City, Nebr., Lakonia ship disaster, accord- and a brother, Marine Maj. ing to word reaching here Thomas E. Vernon, assistant naval attache at the United He was identified as Dennis States Embassy

W. Vernon, 34, an information specialist with the CIA who was stationed in London. Mr. Vernon was on a vacation trip on the ill-fated Greek gruiseship when she burned off the coast of Africa.

Mr. Vernon was not among the survivors or the identifiable dead.

Egypt.

Mr. Vernon graduated from the University of Africa with a bachelor of science degree in 1951 and was called to active duty from the Air National Guard intil 1952. In 1954, he earned a master's degree in education at the University of Oregon.

Mr. Vernon went to work for the intelligence agency in

the intelligence agency Washington May, 1956, and was transferred to London in 1980, He was not married.